

Mark Nemeth for Town Justice

Mark S. Nemeth received his law degree, *cum laude*, from Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, , in 1993, where he was given the American Jurisprudence Award in Ethics and in Secured Transactions. He graduated *cum laude* in 1987 from the State University of New York at Buffalo with a B.S. in History and a minor in education 6-12, which he put to use teaching middle school at St. Lawrence Elementary for three years before attending law school.

Mark S. Nemeth has been the Town of Grand Island Prosecutor for the last eleven years. In that capacity, he has had responsibility for prosecuting all violations within the town's jurisdiction. He has significant experience prosecuting violations at trial under the New York Vehicle & Traffic Law, New York Criminal Law and the Grand Island Town Code. He tried hundreds of cases in Grand Island Court over the last 11 years and has defended dozens of motions during that time. In his role as prosecutor he has also been involved in many cases where a resolution was attained by a negotiated settlement to get defendants to comply with the applicable town building and zoning codes.

In Mark's private practice, he is a partner in the law firm of Feldman Kieffer, LLP. He has been a licensed attorney and litigator for more than twenty-one years, practicing in NY Supreme Court, town courts and Federal District Courts throughout the state. He has extensive trial experience and appellate experience. Mr. Nemeth concentrates his practice in the area of insurance defense litigation with a further emphasis on asbestos and nursing home litigation. He also has significant experience in the areas of labor law, products liability, toxic tort and environmental litigation, motor vehicle litigation, premises liability and employment discrimination litigation. Mark's experience also includes small claims litigation and landlord tenant issues in city and town courts.

Mark Nemeth's professional associations include membership in the WNY Prosecutors Association, the Erie County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association and the Defense Research Institute (national). Mark has been married to his wife Michelle, a high school math teacher in the Buffalo Public Schools, since 1993. They moved to Grand Island from North Buffalo in 1997, after experiencing the wonderful community while visiting his parents who have been on the Island since 1991. His brother Tom and his wife followed for the same reasons in 2000. Mark and Michelle have a daughter, Miranda, who attends Nardin Academy and a son, Alex, who will be a freshman at Canisius High School this September. Both attended St. Stephens for nine years.

Grand Island has been very generous to Mark and his family by providing a very peaceful and comfortable community in which to raise their children. Mark gives back to this amazing town by doing as much as possible. He has recently been appointed to and serves on the Grand Island Traffic Safety Advisory Board. He has coached youth soccer for the Grand Island Soccer Club since 2006 and before that was a board member for two years. At St. Stephens, he has volunteered to coach the soccer teams, volunteered as a Swim League Official for 2 years, and has worked at the Lenten fish fry. Mark was a member of Grand Island Rotary for two years before he became Town Prosecutor. Before his children were school age, Mark also volunteered for Lawyers for Learning, an Erie County Bar Association organization providing lawyers to act as tutors for students in need of extra help at School 18 on Buffalo's West Side.

Mark is looking forward to continuing his efforts to give back to Grand Island by running for Town Justice. He is proud to have the endorsement of the Grand Island Republican and Conservative parties. He is uniquely qualified to be Grand Island's next justice and will bring his legal education, professional experience in the courts and in the classroom, and his sense of duty to the community, to the office.

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